

National Weather Service Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



December 2004 Path Length (Miles) Time Local/ Path Width Number of Estimated Persons Damage Character of Storm

ILLINOIS, Central

ILZ063-067>068-071>073 Clark - Jasper - Crawford - Clay - Richland - Lawrence

0700CST 0400CST

0 Winter Storm

A major winter storm developed over the southern plains early on December 22nd and lifted into the eastern Great Lakes region by the morning of December 23rd. This storm brought heavy snow to much of southeast Illinois, with 8 to 12 inch snowfall totals common across Clark, Jasper, Crawford, Clay, Richland and Lawrence counties. The heaviest snowfall came in two bursts, the first during the early morning hours of the 22nd and the second during late evening hours on the 22nd and early morning hours of the 23rd. In addition to the heavy snowfall, winds gusting to 25 mph late on the 22nd and early on the 23rd caused considerable blowing and drifting snow. Snow drifts in excess of 3 feet were reported in spots. No fatalities or major injuries were reported, though there were numerous automobile accidents due to snow covered and slippery roads